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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, January 26, 2009
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Laurie Burstein, Peter Charter, Ann Harford, A. Leo Miller,
Michael Stupinski and John Turner

SELECTMEN ABSENT: James Prichard

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas DiCorleto, Finance Officer; Peter Michaud, DPW
Director; Chief Michael Varney and other EVFD members;
Don Davis, Emergency Management Director; Jim Gage,
Jesse Amsel, George Nickerson and Walter Moody,
Conservation Commission Members; Sgt. Bill Konieczny,
Resident State Troopers' Office; Peter Hany, EVAC
President; Chuck Pippin, CLFD Chief; Dan Crawford,
Budget Advisory Committee; Anthony Littizzio, BOE;
Patrick McHale, Labor Attorney; Residents: Bob Ludwig,
Chris Marks, Elizabeth Spielman, James Spielman, Rick
Neal, Charles Christman,

I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Stupinski called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order
at 7:37 p.m.

II. CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No citizens came forth to speak.

III. WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT:

Due to the absence of the Town Attorney, this item was deferred until the next BOS
meeting scheduled for February 2, 2009.

IV. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – 2009-2010

Ann Harford, BOS Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) Chair, reviewed the
recommendations of the CIC as illustrated on the **attached** table; column entitled 14-
Jan-09 APPROVED BOS CAP IMP COM PROJECTS 2009-10. The following
comments were made:

ROAD CONSTRUCTION:

- **Unimproved Road Improvement - \$250,000:** Mr. Stupinski commented that it is important to continue to maintain road improvements and therefore he supports the proposed budget for the Unimproved Road Improvement line item. Mr. Miller noted that he agrees with the need, but given the budget, removing the road improvements budget should be considered. Mr. Stupinski warned that this money is used to maintain the quality of the unimproved roads and when maintenance stops on unimproved roads, it becomes more expensive to address down the road.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED [AYE: TURNER/MILLER/BURSTEIN; NAY: CHARTER/HARFORD] TO REMOVE \$250,000, REDUCING TO \$0 THE PROPOSED FUNDING FOR UNIMPROVED ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

SITE ACQUISITION:

- **OPEN SPACE FUND - \$250,000:** Mr. Stupinski questioned the \$250,000 recommended for the Open Space Fund because it is not recoverable in any way. He added that in this economic climate, he doesn't agree that this is the best use of this money, considering there is already money in the Open Space Fund. Mr. Miller stated that there is interest in 58 acres of land behind Webster Road which will be presented at a Town Meeting. This land is listed for \$192,000; therefore the \$250,000 is replenishment, plus an additional \$58,000. Mr. Stupinski asked how much money is in the Open Space Fund now. Mr. DiCorleto stated that there is over \$550,000. Mr. Gage, Conservation Commission, added that there are two additional highly desirable properties being held up because of lack of funds. He added that there is a need for this additional money to allow for the advancement of these projects. Mr. Stupinski said that last year at this time, he would have supported this item, however, in light of the economic down-turn and considering what is needed to keep the Town running at a suitable maintenance level, it is not the best use of \$250,000. Mr. Gage reviewed Mr. Stupinski's comments as stated in January, 2008 supporting the funding of the purchase of open space land, based on the strong support of the Town. Mr. Stupinski did not disagree, but reminded Mr. Gage that the economic situation has changed significantly since then. Ms. Burstein added that she is concerned that once land is developed, there is no turning back. Mr. Charter stated that, in this economy, unimproved roads are more important than putting money in a holding place in the Open Space Fund. He added that the Board of Finance is looking for a zero increase in the Capital Improvement Budget, and putting aside \$250,000 in the Open Space Fund risks the opportunity to address critical capital improvements and other projects.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (TURNER) AND FAILED [AYE: CHARTER/TURNER; NAY: MILLER/BURSTEIN/HARFORD] TO REMOVE \$250,000 REDUCING TO \$0 THE PROPOSED FUNDING FOR OPEN SPACE FUND.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION:

- **OLD CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL HOUSE-REHABILITATE - \$45,000:** Mr. Stupinski stated that he strongly supports this budget item because it makes available the space that is needed at a low cost, and avoids having to spend \$236,400 for the Human Services Office Addition at this time. Mr. Miller expressed concern that people will have to go to Crystal Lake to sign up for programs, and that the Parks and Recreation Department staff will be on the road each time they need to go to Brookside or other locations. Mr. Miller suggested using one of the commission rooms as an office for the Town Agent. Mr. Stupinski stated that both commission rooms are needed for meeting space and making one of them an office only fixes part of the problem. Mr. Miller also expressed concerns about key control, security and the building not being staffed at all times, if Parks and Recreation is moved to Crystal Lake. Bob Ludwig, 66 Crystal Lake Road, commented that some residents would not be bothered to have the Parks and Recreation Department moved to Crystal Lake. Mr. Ludwig reminded that Crystal Lake is part of the Town and the distance should not be an issue. Ms. Harford commented that Parks and Recreation employees do not come in and out of the office multiple times during the day. They have office hours, and then they have program hours. Pete Michaud stated that he had a meeting today regarding floor design for that building, and it is now on paper. Mr. Michaud discussed the proposal with Bob Tedford, Parks and Recreation Director, and Mr. Tedford expressed that this is a very reasonable solution and he sees the wisdom of having this facility located near the beach. Mr. Tedford has transportation with the van the town bought and he is very pleased with the ample storage this proposal offers. Mr. Michaud noted that the proposal includes three offices, a reception area, and handicapped accessible rest rooms. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Michaud if Mr. Tedford embraces this proposal fully and Mr. Michaud stated that Mr. Tedford has said that he is in full support of this proposal. Mr. Neal asked why it was not considered to rent space at Meadowview Plaza, as it would be cheaper. Mr. Michaud stated that this was considered, but the rental cost does not include the cost of renovation, only the square footage, making it more costly.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was not considered for lack of a second, to remove \$45,000 reducing to \$0 the proposed funding for the Old Crystal Lake School House-rehabilitate.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was not considered for lack of a second, to reinstitute \$236,400 for the Human Services Office addition.

- **TOWN HALL ANNEX VAULT-FIREPROOF - \$159,900:** The BOS discussed the need for the fireproof vault at the Town Hall Annex.

MOVED (HARFORD), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND FAILED [AYE: HARFORD/BURSTEIN; NAY: MILLER/CHARTER/TURNER] TO REMOVE \$195,000 REDUCING TO \$0 THE PROPOSED FUNDING FOR TOWN HALL ANNEX VAULT-FIREPROOF.

BUILDING REPAIRS:

- **Hall Memorial Library Storm Windows:** \$16,000; Mr. Stupinski commented that this is an energy efficiency investment and should go forward as recommended.

MOVED (HARFORD), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO RETAIN \$16,000 FOR THE HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY STORM WINDOWS.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Revaluation** - \$150,000. Mr. Stupinski noted that this is state-mandated, and therefore, not a negotiable item.
- **Arbor Park – New Bridges** - \$50,600: Mr. Stupinski said that he doesn't disagree with taking this out of the budget at this time, but cautioned this will need to be revisited at some point.
- **Town-wide Sidewalks** - \$60,000: Mr. Stupinski agreed with leaving this line item as is because this is a safety issue. Mr. Miller asked if there was any money left from the prior year's budget that could be carried over. Mr. Stupinski noted that there is a Town-wide Sidewalk Fund, therefore, budgeted money is moved to the fund, so in effect, the money does carry forward to this fund. Mr. DiCorleto advised that there is now approximately \$100,000 in the fund. Mr. Stupinski recommended that this money remain in the budget.
- **CLFD – Repave Parking Lot** - \$60,000: Mr. Stupinski noted that putting this on hold is appropriate at this time.
- **Hall Memorial Library-Replacement Heating Unit** - \$13,400: Mr. Stupinski referenced a letter he received from Susan J. Phillips, Library Director, regarding the need to replace the heating unit. He indicated that this includes a dehumidifier and he recommended keeping this item in the budget, pending an appropriation to do it from this year's funding.
- **Recreation - Public Park Upgrades:** \$12,900. Mr. Turner questioned the reason this item is presented as a Capital Budget item, when it includes several smaller budget items, rather than one item in excess of \$10,000. He asked if these requests belong in a 900 account as operating expenses. Mr. DiCorleto stated that if the BOS would like to see this changed to remain consistent with the other Town departments, a memo should be sent to Parks and Recreation to advise them of the proper process for requesting lower cost items. Ms. Harford added that the \$12,900 includes the top three priorities identified by the Parks and Recreation Department including dugouts, fencing and bleachers.

Mr. Turner made a motion, which was not considered for lack of a second, to reduce the Town-wide Sidewalk Fund by \$30,000.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED [AYE: HARFORD/ BURSTEIN/MILLER/CHARTER; ABSTAIN: TURNER] TO RETAIN \$236,000 FOR THE TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:

- **CLFD – Replacement-Rescue Pumper - \$400,000:** Mr. Pippin distributed a packet of information to the BOS regarding a proposal for the replacement of rescue 142 and engine tank 142 with a multi-purpose rescue pumper. The present lease expires on October 15, 2009. Replacing these two pieces of equipment with a multi-purpose rescue pumper will save the Town approximately \$600,000. Mr. Charter added that he has been aware of circumstances where the Fire Department has a job to do, but does not have the right vehicle to do the job. He also noted that the money from the sale of the two vehicles that will be replaced will go back into the general fund. Mr. Stupinski recommended that this line item be removed from the Capital Improvement Budget and presented at a town meeting.
- **CLFD Hydraulic Rescue Equipment Upgrade - \$39,000:** Mr. Stupinski expressed that he is not in favor of leasing the hydraulic equipment. Mr. Pippin stated that the purchase of the truck includes the hydraulic equipment and therefore, would eliminate the need for this upgrade. Mr. Pippin clarified that the total cost of the rescue pumper will be \$400,000, inclusive of the hydraulic equipment and inclusive of the interest on the lease.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED [AYE: HARFORD/BURSTEIN/MILLER/CHARTER; ABSTAIN: TURNER] TO REMOVE THE \$439,000 FOR THE CLFD – REPLACEMENT-RESCUE PUMPER AND THE CLFD HYDRAULIC RESCUE EQUIPMENT UPGRADE AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE THAT THIS GO FORWARD AS A LEASE/PURCHASE.

- **EVFD – Service/Command Vehicle - \$65,000:** Ms. Harford reported that the old ambulance can be used as a command vehicle; however, the Ellington Fire Department wanted a command vehicle/tow vehicle and it is not clear if the old ambulance is suitable.
- **Police Cruiser - \$43,266:** Mr. Stupinski stated that there is a need for this purchase. Ms. Harford noted that the vehicle this would replace is the oldest car in the fleet; it has experienced over \$5,300 in repairs and is presently in the repair shop. Mr. Miller said that when prioritizing the Capital Budget items, he sees this as one that could be cut. Mr. Charter asked if the price of the car represents a State bid. He also asked if the vehicle can be leased from Bolles Motors rather than purchased. A lease option was not explored because of the necessity of making modifications to the vehicle which would violate a lease agreement. Mr. Miller suggested it would be wise to obtain a State bid rather than to purchase from an auto dealer. Sgt. Konieczny advised that Bolles Motors will work to meet the State bid price. Mr. Miller asked if there are advantages to working with Bolles vs. State bid and it was noted that Bolles is a local business and will do the repair work on the vehicle.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND FAILED [AYE: MILLER/BURSTEIN; NAY: HARFORD/TURNER/CHARTER] TO REMOVE THE \$43,266 FOR THE POLICE CRUISER.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED [AYE: MILLER/ BURSTEIN/HARFORD/CHARTER; ABSTAIN; TURNER] TO APPROVE THE DELETION OF THE \$65,000 FOR THE COMMAND VEHICLE; APPROVAL FOR \$80,000 FOR HYDRAULIC RESCUE TOOLS; APPROVAL FOR \$200,000 FOR THE AMBULANCE; APPROVAL FOR \$20,000 FOR DEFIBULATOR TOOLS AND \$24,000 FOR THE SPECIAL ED VAN.

Mr. Stupinski asked for a motion to include \$102,899 in the LOCIP STATE REVENUE as a source of funding. Mr. Stupinski recommended that this grant be represented on the budget sheet. Mr. Michaud stated that the exact number won't be available until April. Mr. DiCorleto stated that in the past, a projection has been used. Mr. Stupinski also asked for a motion to include \$220,000 from the Ambulance Fee Program as a source of funding.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO INCLUDE \$102,899 IN THE LOCIP STATE REVENUE AS A SOURCE OF FUNDING AND RETAIN THE \$220,000 FROM THE AMBULANCE FEE PROGRAM AS A SOURCE OF FUNDING.

Mr. Turner stated that he feels that there is a lot more work to be done before passing the Capital Improvement Budget. He noted that he does not disagree with the supporting arguments made for each item, but is not comfortable with the total amount of the Capital Improvement Budget, as it stands. Mr. Miller said that the Board of Finance will make cuts, but they are looking for the BOS to prioritize. Mr. Stupinski noted that during this meeting, the BOS added \$103,000 in revenue and took out \$439,000 in expenditures.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED [AYE: CHARTER/ BURSTEIN/MILLER/HARFORD; ABSTAIN: TURNER] TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR 2009-10, AS SUBMITTED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, AND AS MODIFIED BY RECOMMENDED CHANGES, A GROSS AMOUNT OF \$1,728,675, LESS GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS OF \$322,899, FOR A TOTAL NET AMOUNT OF \$1,405,776. (ATTACHED)

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing attorney-client communications.

In addition to the BOS, Patrick McHale, Labor Attorney, also present for Executive Session.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS AT 9:42 P.M.

MOVED (HARFORD), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:14 P.M.

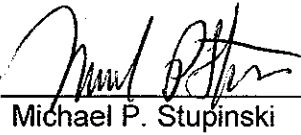
VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 10:15 P.M.

Submitted by


LouAnn Cannella

Approved by


Michael P. Stupinski

BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET - JANUARY 26, 2009				CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET REQUEST 2009-2030															
Amounts shown in dollars	28-Jan-08		22-Apr-08	14-Jan-09		26-Jan-09		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-2015		2015-2016	
	BOS			APPROVED		BOS		BOS		BOS		BOS		BOS		BOS			
	Budget Requests 2008-09	Cap Non- Recur 2008-09		Approved Requests 2008-09	Approved Requests 2009-09	Budget Requests 2009-10	Approved Requests 2009-10	BOS CAP IMP COM 2009-10	Approved Projects 2009-10	BOS CAP IMP COM 2009-10	Approved Projects 2009-10	BOS CAP IMP COM 2009-10	Approved Projects 2009-10	BOS CAP IMP COM 2009-10	Approved Projects 2009-10	BOS CAP IMP COM 2009-10	Approved Projects 2009-10	BOS CAP IMP COM 2009-10	Approved Projects 2009-10
TOTAL				ESTIMATED COST				ESTIMATED COST				ESTIMATED COST				ESTIMATED COST			
COST				COST				COST				COST				COST			
Revaluation					300,000	150,000			150,000							150,000			
Town Hall Emergency Power System	44,000				0														
Arbor Park-New Bridges	50,600				50,600	50,600													
Arbor Park-Repave Sidewalk					110,000														
Townwide Sidewalks	60,000				60,000	60,000	60,000		60,000		60,000		60,000		60,000		60,000		
CLFD-Repave Parking Lot	60,000				60,000	60,000													
Hall Memorial Library-Replmt Heating Unit					13,400	13,400	13,400		13,400		13,400		13,400		13,400		13,400		
BOE-Windermere Boiler(Dual)Burner Replacment	132,500				0														
BOE-Windermere Heating Control Replmt					309,925														
BOE-EMS Replacement Dual Oil Burners	81,900				0														
Girls Softball	26,000				0														
Recreation-Public Park Upgrades					19,050	19,050	12,900		12,900		12,900		12,900		12,900		12,900		
Total	455,000	344,400		300,400	922,975	353,050	236,300		236,300		236,300		236,300		236,300		236,300		
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE																			
DPW-Dumptrucks Replacement-2					200,000														
DPW-4 X 4 Pick Up Truck Replacement					41,000														
DPW-Tri-Axle Replacement					125,000														
DPW-Chipper Replacement					56,000														
DPW-Tractor & Accessories					31,188														
DPW-New Toro Mower	77,500	77,500		77,500	0														
DPW-Toro Mower Replacement					21,000														
DPW-John Deere Front End Loader					177,860														
Human Services Vehicle Replacement					18,000														
Senior Citizens Van Replacement					76,000														
CLFD-Radio Communication Upgrade					30,000														
CLFD-Replacement Generator					22,000														
CLFD-Replmt-Rescue/Pumper					400,000	400,000	400,000		400,000		400,000		400,000		400,000		400,000		
CLFD-Hydraulic Rescue Equipment Upgrade					39,000	39,000	39,000		39,000		39,000		39,000		39,000		39,000		
EVFD-Public Education & Fire Prevention Trailer					45,000														
EVFD-Service/Command Vehicle	52,000				65,000														
EVFD-Aerial(New)/Pumper Replacement	890,000	890,000			0														
EVFD-Hydraulic Rescue Tools					80,000	80,000	80,000		80,000		80,000		80,000		80,000		80,000		
EVFD-Replmt Pick-up/Utility Truck (R-243)					80,000														
EVFD-Replmt ATV & Trailer					12,000														
EVFD-Replmt Pumper (E-143)					600,000														
EVFD-Replmt Cargo Van (S-243)					25,000														
EVFD-Replmt Boat/trailer					10,000														
EVFD-Addtl Fire Pumper					600,000														
Emergency Serv-Intersection Preemption System	50,000	50,000		55,800	0														
Emergency Serv-Radio Comm Tower/Support Facility					275,000														
EVAC-Replacement Ambulance					200,000	200,000	200,000		200,000		200,000		200,000		200,000		200,000		
EVAC-Defibrillators/CPR Equipment	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000		
BOE-EHS-Security Enhancements					50,000														
BOE-Replmt Maintenance Vehicles					80,000														

BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET- JANUARY 28, 2009			28-Jan-08		14-Jan-09		26-Jan-09		CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET REQUEST 2009-2030						
			BOS			APPROVED	BOS								
			Requests	22-Apr-08		BOS CAP	APPROVED	BOS							
			Budget Requests	Cap Non- Recur	BOF	BUDGET REQUESTS	IMP COM PROJECTS	CAP IMP PROJECTS	APPROVED MEANS OF FINANCING						
Amounts shown in dollars			2008-09	2008-09	APPROVED	2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
BOE-Special Education Vans			23,000			125,000	24,000	24,000	2009-10	24,000	25,000	25,500	26,000		
BOE-Systemwide Technology						350,000				360,000					
Police Cruisers						43,266	43,266	43,266							
Total			1,112,500	1,037,500	153,300	3,897,314	871,266	806,266		1,338,548	797,000	229,500	51,000	610,000	0
Grand Total			4,594,337	3,309,397	1,280,875	21,821,698	6,285,825	2,372,675		1,728,675	4,031,030	2,763,340	2,524,354	1,160,000	0
TOTAL FUNDING			4,594,337	3,309,397	1,280,875	21,821,698	6,285,825	2,372,675		1,728,675	4,031,030	2,763,340	2,524,354	1,160,000	0
LESS FED/STATE GRANTS/ASSESSMENTS															
Federal/State Grant															
State Grant-Windermere School tile & ceiling reprint-58.0%						280,000	0			0	290,000				
State Grant-Windermere School Reroofing-58.0%						280,000				290,000	0				
State Grant-Administration Building-29.0%						29,000							29,000		
State Grant-LOCIP (1)			101,561	101,561	102,899	0	0	0		102,899					
State Grant-Open Space Grant						0	0								
State Grant-Crystal Lake Stormceptors				11,000	11,000	0									
Girls Softball			26,000	26,000	26,000	0	0								
Ambulance Fee Program			295,000	20,000	20,000	220,000	220,000	220,000		220,000	0				
Marshall Charter Fund					23,000	0	0								
TOTAL			422,561	153,561	182,899	829,000	220,000	220,000		322,899	290,000	0	29,000	0	0
NET COST TO TOWN			4,171,776	3,150,836	1,097,976	20,992,698	6,065,825	2,152,675		1,405,776	3,741,030	2,763,340	2,495,354	1,160,000	0
CAP NON REC FUND															